

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed to amend the title, to cancel Claims 1-19 and to add new Claims 20-59. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW METHOD CLAIMS 20-56 ARE IDENTICAL TO ALLOWED METHOD CLAIM 1 OR CLAIM 12 OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,546,935, WITH FURTHER STEPS OR FEATURES ADDED, AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE ALLOWABLE. Claims 56-59 are directed to a bipolar clamp for carrying out the method of Claim 1 of the '935 patent and recites steps of the method of Claim 1.

This amendment is made to advance prosecution of these claims in light of the fact that this application has been pending since December 13, 2001, and accordingly is expected to be subject to examination soon.

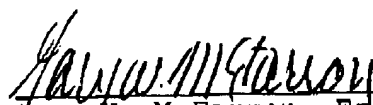
Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1039 for the additional claims fee. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 is attached herewith.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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